

SAAHJ Meeting Minutes – The PAISANO – UTSA – Saturday, January 24th 2015 10:00

Attendees [22]: Jessica Elizarraras, Neal Morton, Joey Palacios, Diana Fuentes, Tessa Benavides, Kris Rodriguez, Colin Sulton, John Salazar, Steve Walker, Jacob Lopez, Mia Cabello, Angelo Gomez, Beth Marshall, Jenny Moore, Nora Lopez, Rita Hernandez, Jade Cuevas, Diane Abdo, Gary Cooper, James Benavidez, Frances Henderson, Shabazz Dawkins, Marcus Connally, Rebecca Cavyb, Francisco Vara-Orta

Organizations Represented: SA Current, Express-News, Texas Public Radio, SA Education Partnership, UTSA Communications, NISD, TWC News, La Prensa, The Paisano, TAMU-SA. Inspiration4Life, Channel 4, Boy Scouts, UTSA – Texan Cultures.

Sign in/Introductions

– Meeting called to order at 10:18 AM. Introductions began with Francisco and information about the Paisano, UTSA's student run newspaper. Diane Abdo gives a brief description of the paper. The Paisano is an independent newspaper and began publishing in 1981. The university will not support any publications in any way. This is one of 12 similar papers in the U.S. No one is paid at the paper and is a volunteer. The paper podcasts and has an online presence. The paper is completely student run. They have recently moved into a new building that opened May of 2014. The paper is completed on Monday nights. Red McCombs made a gift of \$100,000 to build the new building.

Minutes from November 2014 meeting – Joey

Joey Motion
Deedee seconded. Passes.

Treasurer's report – Neal

1,243 dollars spent
\$715 gained from membership dues
\$7,449.65 in operational account
\$137,000 in foundation account.

There have been some issues with a TAMU-SA student not attending after accepting the scholarship money. We are working with the school to get it refunded. Media workshop website is live. Plane tickets for Maria Antonia Collins are being looked at and a speakers fee is being negotiated for the March workshop. AWC and SPJ are planning to help with the media mixer. PRSA may be able to assist as well. Neal plans on leaving the treasurer's seat. He is looking for volunteers who can be trained and take his place.

Membership update – Joey

10 new members since October. 6 Renewals. 12 lapsed members.

Holiday mixer recap/Student chapters update – Francisco

Media workshop Sat March 7 at Univision – Moana and Gary

9 AM – 1PM at the Univision Studios 12451 network blvd. \$10 for students to pay for the meal \$15 for members, then 15 to 25 at door

- Four panel discussions
- changes in SA media scape
- Women in media
- PR and pitching to the media
- immigration

The immigration panel will be targeted to working media professionals.

Spring mega-mixer with other media associations on Thurs Mar 26 – Jessica

Will be at Big Bob's burgers on Loop 1604. Will be in the UNITY format.

Scholarship program reminder - Jessica

The scholarship application is ready and will be on our website. The deadline is toward the end of May.

Gala 2015 update – Tessa

Friday July 10th at the Marriott Rivercenter. We are looking for volunteers for many of the operations of the event. Honorees will be selected by the end of February. We want to reach out to table sponsors and gala sponsors.

Announcements from members

Elaine Ayala's mother passed away on Friday January 23rd. We are passing around a card to sign for condolences. USCIS is located in Windcrest. The agency wants to connect with people and is responsible for green cards and helping through the immigration process. Speaking to folks at colleges and universities about deferred action (DACA). They are looking for writers who can help them set up community meetings. February 21st is the Asian Festival. Six legacy of the Punjab. Sikh families will be opening their new worship center this summer. Volunteers are needed for Student Aid Saturday to fill out FAFSA forms. Contact Tessa Benavides for more information. The Express-News is 150 years old this year. Starting tomorrow there will be large feature looking at the history of the paper every day, Nora Lopez said.

Meeting adjourned 11:07.